

Custer County Resource Advisory Board Meeting

February 25, 2009

Called to order at 6:30 pm

Committee Members Present:

Forest Users: Michael Chase, Paul LeClair, Mike Carter, Travis Bies

Environmental and Historical: Dorothea Edgington, David Beroza, Reed Haug, Rex Harris, Doris McDill

Government and Education: John Culberson, Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy, Ramona Flaig Bradeen

Forest Service:

Acting District Ranger: Jeff Tomac

Administrative Support: Cathy Rosane

The RAC reviewed the current categorical list of committee members and confirmed continued participation for another 4 year term.

Decision: Travis Bies will move to the Government and Education Category to balance representation in all three categories.

Decision: A Press Release will be published in the March 3, 2009 issue of the Custer County Chronicle to solicit six Alternate RAC Members.

Update: Article published in Custer County Chronicle 03/03/09.

An Overview of the Custer County Resource Advisory Committee was distributed to committee members for review and comment.

The Committee discussed status of prior year projects. The following is submitted as documentation on completed and active projects:

2006 Funds

Sunday Gulch Trail-Custer State Park-07-PA-11020303033	\$22,000.
Project is Complete-Payment Approved 01/08/09	
Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	

Pringle Fuels Management-	\$17,000.
Project Completed in Fall, 2007	
File Closed	

Weed Control on FS lands adjacent to Private-Force Account	\$39,933
Project Complete-File Closed	

TOTAL 2006	\$78,933.
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2007 Funds

Cuyahoga Mine Area Weeds -Force Account Project completed in summer of 2007	\$10,000.
Gaploade Mine Area Weeds-Force Account Project completed in summer of 2007 Entire Black Elk Wilderness was treated-File Closed	\$20,000.
Custer State Park Weeds-07-PA-11020303-047 Project Complete-Payment Approved Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	\$20,000.
Bob Marshall Camp Flooring-07-CA-11020303-044 Project Complete-Payment Approved File Closed	\$ 4,000.
RMEF Mahrt Spring (RAC, RMEF & FS)08-CO-11020303-008 Project Complete-File Closed	\$3,700.
Custer State Park Trail #9 South-07-CA-1102030018014405 Project Complete-Payment Approved 01/06/09 Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	\$22,023.
TOTAL 2007	\$79,723

2008 Funds

New Landowner Brochure – Reallocated to: Custer County Weed Control Cost Share-08-CA-11020303-044 Project Complete-Payment Approved 01/06/09 Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	\$8,559.
Old Fairburn School Renovation-08-CA-11020303-034 Project Complete-Payment Approved October, 2008 Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	\$1,000.
RMEF Water Developments-08-CO-11020303-012 Project Complete Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	\$10,000.
CSP Wildlife Water Developments-08-CA-11020303-032 Project Complete-Payment Approved 02/21/2009 Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	\$15,000.
Hazelrodt Picnic Ground Improvements-Reallocated to 2 projects:	

City of Custer Slash Pile Chipping-Contract	\$10,000.
Project Complete-Contract	
Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	
Custer County Fair Association-08-CA-11020303-045	\$10,000.
Project Complete-Payment Approved	
Final Inspection and Monitoring Report Required	
Forest Service Trail #9 South –Force Account	\$15,000.
Project Complete	
File Closed	
Way Park Custer VFD –08-CA-11020303-033 Active	\$10,000.
TOTAL 2008	\$79,559.

RAC members request presentation/pictures documenting accomplishments be shared at upcoming RAC meetings and via public media, local newspaper.

Decision: RAC members and Forest Service representatives will jointly share monitoring and closeout of projects to be completed Spring of 2009.

Decision: Future projects will have both a Forest Service Project Manager and Committee Member Sponsor.

The Group reviewed current project proposals which include:

Custer Conservation District; Biological Weed Control; \$3200

Custer Conservation District; Noxious Weed Control – Private Land; \$20,000

Forest Service; Trail 9 Extension; \$20,000

Forest Service; Wildlife Ramps – Stock Tanks; \$8500

Camp Bob Marshal; Water Erosion Mitigation; \$5000

Road Abatement, possibly mag chloride; Unknown cost

Community Recycling Program; Unknown cost

Trash Cleanup French Creek Area; Unknown cost

Decision: A News Release will be published in the March 3, 2009 issue of the Custer County Chronicle to request project proposals.

Update: Article published in Custer County Chronicle 03/11/09..

Jeff Tomac submitted a proposed Processing Timeline for 2009 Projects, which has been adjusted to accommodate the delayed publication of project proposal solicitation:

February 25, 2009 - RAC Initial Meeting

March 11, 2009 – Request for Project Proposals in local paper.

April 3, 2009 – Project Proposals due to Forest Service.

April 7, 2009 – RAC Meeting to Review and Approve Projects (Not Authorized to Spend Money)

April 10, 2009 – Letter to Proponents of Approved Projects. Request for information on projects sent to Forest Service Due May 8, 2009. (Not Authorized to Spend Money)

April 21, 2009 – Reminder Letter or email to Proponents of Approved Projects. Request for information on projects sent to Forest Service Due May 8, 2009. (Not Authorized to Spend Money)

May 8, 2009 – Proponents of Approved Projects must have information requested to Forest Service for Participating Agreements or Conservation Agreements.

May(Schedule at April 7 Mtg)2009 – RAC Meeting to discuss possible alternative projects.

Between May 11, 2009 and July 6, 2009 – Processing of Agreements (Forest Service to Authorize Project to Proceed and Spend Money)

September 30, 2009 – Funds must be obligated for projects by agreements or purchase orders. If funds are not obligated, money goes to US Treasury with no guarantee of “carry over” in terms of return for RAC Projects in future years.

Decision: Projects approved in 2009 will have both a Forest Service Project Manager and a RAC member sponsor to facilitate processing, implementation, monitoring and final reporting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm